been entrusted the work of firming up these proposals.

(b) a total of 17 water transfer links under Peninsular component have been identified by N.W.D.A. While office studies of 9 links under Peninsular component have been completed, studies of balance links have been included in the VIII Plan. Also field investigations of 9 links have been included in the VIII Plan programme of the Agency. Final figures of benefits and estimate of cost depend on formulation of a detailed project report as agreed to by basin States. Also allocation of funds and schedule of completion depends on consensus and formal agreement among the basin States for execution of any link proposal.

Request for lowering the height of Narmada Sagar Project

3008. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have lately received a representation from the Leader of Opposition in Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly, urging for lowering of the height of the Narmada Dam, to save a big chunk of land in Madhya Pradesh from inundation and to save a large number of rural population in the area from displacement;

(b) if so, what are the main demands made therein; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V.C. SHUKLA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Financial Assistance to Artifical Limb Centre, Bangalore

3009. CHOUDHARY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that amputees can now get artificial limb fitted free of cost at the Artificial Limb Centre, a charitable organisation situated at Doddanekundi, Bangalore;

(b) if so, what are the exact number of amputees throughout the country who could be benefited by this;

(c) whether Government propose to meet the increasing needs of these unfortunate people in the country; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to come forward with financial assistance to this organisation?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes Sir. Angakarunya Kendra an Artificial Limb Centre, located at Doddanekundi, near White Fields, Bangalore, is a Charitable organisation which has been providing artificial limbs and calipers since 1987 to disabled persons. The organisation provides this assistance free of cost.

(b) The organisation has a capacity to fit 50 artificial limbs/calipers per month. So far, since its establishment in 1987, it has provided artificial limbs to 870 persons and calipers to 194 persons.

(c) and (d): Yes Sir. Angakarunya—an Artificial Limb Centre in Bangalore, has so far not applied for assistance either to the State Government of Karnataka or to the Government of India. The case for providing financial assistance to this organisation can be considered if the organisation applies for assistance under the scheme for assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids/Appliances, as per the guidelines of the above Scheme through the State Government of Karnataka. So far, the organisation has been receiving assistance from Helpage India. The Edgeworth Trust and other corporate Bodies & individuals.